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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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BY HAND

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation
MB-Docket No. 02-277, MB Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, 00-244;
and MB Docket No. 02-230, CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Belo Corp., Dallas, Texas ("Belo"), and pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this notice is hereby submitted regarding a permitted oral ex parte presentation concerning the above-referenced rulemaking proceedings

On February 25 and 26, 2003, executives from Belo met with the following commissioners and/or their staffs: From Chairman Powell's office, Susan M. Eid and Jonathan P. Cody; Commissioner Abemathy and Tracy Robinson; Commissioner Copps and Alexis Johns; Commissioner Adelstein and Sarah Whitesell; and Commissioner Martin and Catherine Bohigian. Representing Belo were Robert W. Decherd, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer; Guy Kerr, Senior Vice President/General Counsel and Secretary; Regina A. Sullivan, Vice President/Government and Public Affairs; and the undersigned.

At the meeting, Belo's principals discussed the above-referenced Broadcast Ownership rule makings focusing on points contained in Belo's Comments and Reply Comments filed in the proceedings. As to the digital television proceedings referenced above, Belo emphasized the critical importance of cable carriage of the entire six megahertz digital signal. When a digital television signal is multicasting, on a non-subscription basis, it is imperative from Belo's standpoint that cable

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companies carry all of the programming contained within the digital channel and not just a "primary video stream."

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "McCarthy" clearly distinguishable.

Michael J. McCarthy
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cc (via email): Ms. Susan M. Eid
Mr. Jonathan P. Cody
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Commissioner Michael Copps
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Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
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Commissioner Kevin Martin
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